Beginning in 2002 and Into the Future

This edition of The Hummingbird takes us back to 2002 when the Auxiliary began. We have pictures from our “albums” of some events and volunteers that show our desire to be a family group that works together and enjoys the relationships we have maintained.

As the Auxiliary has grown and changed over the years, the same is true of Ye Olde Thrift Shoppe. And more change is happening daily there. We are beginning a new “album” that continues the next chapter of changes as we grow and better serve the community. You’ll find more information on these changes later in this issue of The Hummingbird.

It All Adds Up to Millions of Hours

Attempting to calculate the hours volunteers have given supporting Ye Olde Thrift Shoppe led to wondering how many total volunteer hours have supported the hospital since it opened in July 2002.

Thanks to the efforts of Mike Kauffman and Rena Marchand along with using numbers from quarterly and yearly reports, we found that total to be over 2 MILLION hours.

We have 869 volunteers on our roster today and have archived the hours of more than 2,000 volunteers.

Because there have been at least three tracking systems it is challenging to accurately calculate the precise number of the volunteers who were Auxiliary members.

2002-2004 TVRH Auxiliary Executive Committee, front row from left: Bonnie Quinlan, assistant treasurer; Gisele Silvestri, president; Shirley McCounsell, first vice president; Mary O’Donnell, treasurer; and back row from left: Terri Barbier, corresponding secretary; Fae Rogers, parliamentarian; Lorraine Ricker, second vice president; Theresa McFadden, recording secretary; and Clara King. Missing is Doreen Henning, president elect.
Updates From Lou and Jeannie

“Whether you think you can or think you can’t, you’re right.”

~~ Henry Ford

Lou Emmert
Volunteer Coordinator

“Where has the time gone?”
I ask. It seems impossible to think that Thanksgiving is right around the corner, and Christmas very close behind.

The sound of music is indeed soothing to the soul. As I walk through the lobbies, it is so nice to see and hear our musicians playing in both areas, and it is inspiring to see more of our volunteers venturing back to the hospital to help out ... we appreciate ALL OF YOU! While many of you are returning, we still have open positions to fill. I am happy to share that we held interviews for prospective volunteers on Oct. 20 followed by orientation on Oct. 27. If you know of anyone interested in volunteering please direct them to the website at www.TVRHFoundation.org to complete an online application.

Can you BELIEVE it? The annual Hearts for Our Hospital Gala is going virtual and everyone is invited to attend! Be sure to see the announcement posted on Page 10 in this issue of The Hummingbird for more details. I know many of you look forward to volunteering at this event; however, at this time, we have not yet identified what roles our volunteers would play, if any. Once any information on this has been determined, I will send out an email blast to update. This change in the Gala is just one of many changes resulting from COVID-19.

On Tuesday, Oct. 13, Carrabba’s Italian Grill donated meals during two shifts (11 a.m. and 3 p.m.) to our volunteers working in the hospital that day as their way of saying thank you for all that we are doing to help the staff. Everyone who received a meal said they were delicious and very much appreciated.

Thank you Carrabba’s for being one of our community heroes!

(Lou & Jeannie continues on Page 3)
TIME TO DO YOUR MANDATORY ARCE TESTING

Come to the Third Floor of the East Campus.

We have reduced the number of terminals to ensure social distancing, and we have wipes and hand sanitizers available. We want to assure everyone that everything is being done to safeguard you in accordance with the hospital policies.

You MUST wear a mask, use the hand sanitizer, bring your own pen and practice social distancing. Needless to say, if you are not feeling well or have a fever you should wait before coming in.

The testing will be available for anyone who has not taken their ARCE this year and whose birthday month is November or earlier.

For questions or concerns, reply to: tvrhAuxiliaryOffice@centflhealth.com or call the Auxiliary Office at 352-751-8061.

NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED!

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2 Helpers Needed

1. Lou is looking for a volunteer interested in coordinating online sales of unique items from Ye Olde Thrift Shoppe on a consignment basis. This would be done from home.

2. Lou is also needing someone to take pictures, write descriptions and upload to Qtego.

If you are interested, please contact Lou Emmert to chat about it: 352-751-8871 or email lemmert@centflhealth.org.

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To Help Us Get in The Spirit of the Season,

a team of jovial volunteers led by Sylvia Gardner have once again set aside time to “deck the hospital halls”

on Saturday, Nov. 21

(the weekend before Thanksgiving),

from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

As you can imagine this is no small feat so if any other volunteers are interested in helping, please contact me at 352-751-8871 or via email at lemmert@centflhealth.org. Volunteers who participate on this fun event committee will receive lunch and also be awarded with double hours.

Jeannie and I hope each of you is doing well and staying safe. Hope to see you soon!

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Don’t Forget!
Evan Richards speaks at the awards luncheon in 2012.

Bob Follas awards Millie Card the Volunteer of the Year Award in 2008.

Barb Lovett and Theresa McFadden attend a holiday party in 200.

Evan Richards speaks at the awards luncheon in 2012.

In 2006 Violet Boeneman is our oldest volunteer.

Volunteers gather for a group photo in 2007.

The Auxiliary leadership committee lines up for a photo in 2015.
It’s Time to Get a Flu Shot

Influenza and COVID-19

According to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, or FDA, while the United States remains focused on the COVID-19 pandemic, we need to also be aware of flu season as we approach winter. Influenza viruses typically spread in fall and winter, with activity peaking between December and February.

Getting vaccinated now can lower your chances of getting the flu as it is best to get immunized early in the flu season.

It’s also likely that flu viruses and the virus that causes COVID-19 will circulate together this fall and winter. Please note that the flu vaccine will not prevent COVID-19; the flu vaccines are approved by the FDA for the prevention of influenza disease, so getting vaccinated can help keep you out of the doctor’s office and preserve health care resources for patients with other diseases and medical conditions, including COVID-19. Moreover, the CDC estimates that during the 2018-19 flu season, vaccination prevented 4.4 million flu illnesses, 58,000 hospitalizations and 3,500 flu-related deaths.

The Bottom Line

Flu is a serious disease caused by influenza viruses that can lead to hospitalization and even death. Every flu season is different, and the substantial health impacts can vary widely from season to season, with some flu seasons being worse than others. The best defense for your family, co-workers, and yourself is to get a flu shot without delay. Will you make the pledge to do so as soon as you can?

—Reprinted from UF Heath Florida’s Friday Update

On The Lighter Side ...

It’s true: ‘Laughter is the best medicine’

Our cart riders sometimes say unexpectedly funny things as we shuttle them to and from the hospital. Thought I’d share a few of the chuckles.

- “We went to The Sharon and they told us it wasn’t the hospital.”
- “Do I need to wear a mask inside the hospital?”
- Eight white cars were parked side-by-side in the handicapped section of the lot. I asked the gentleman behind me, “Which car?” He replied, “The white one.”
- I drove two women to the entrance who were coming to get their husbands who were soon to be released. “What a wonderful way to start the day,” I said, cheerfully. “Yes,” replied one. “No,” replied the other.
- I dropped my passenger off at the curb in front of the hospital where a nurse, fully gowned in protective gear from head to toe, stood outside a car, brandishing a nose swab. My passenger asked, “Do they test for COVID here?”
- She hopped into the shuttle looking so happy I had to ask, “What’s up.” She said, “I was starting to miss people I don’t even like, so decided to get out of the house and thought this would be the safest place to go.” Not sure, but I think she was pulling my leg.

What’s not to smile about!
Opening the Door to Halloween Fun

The Employee Engagement Council of UF Health The Villages® Hospital conducted a Halloween Door Decorating Contest for all departments in the hospital. Three winners were selected from the following categories: Creative Expression, Halloween Spirit and Technical/Department Specific.

With the creativity they had to choose from, selecting must have been a challenge!

Congratulations to the following first place winners ...

1 The Surgical Department for winning the ‘Creative Expression’ category.
2 The Legal Department for winning the ‘Technical/Department Specific’ category;
3 Medical for winning the ‘Halloween Spirit’ category.

The three winning departments won special Halloween treat bags with goodies for their team.
Several volunteers and team members from UF Health The Villages® Hospital participated in the 2020 Walk to End Alzheimer’s golf car parade Oct. 10 through The Villages® neighborhoods and onto the Polo Field. The event raised more than $65,000 for the fight to end Alzheimer’s! Keep up the hard work; you are making a difference with every dollar you raise.

One of the options to participate in the event was to decorate a golf cart and ride from Spanish Springs to the Polo Field. These gals got together to decorate one of the hospital golf carts and have some fun.

At the Polo Field was a Promise Garden planted to represent those in our community who participated.

UF Health The Villages Hospital Auxiliary Foundation recently purchased four massage chairs which were placed on various floors throughout the hospital to provide all team members with an opportunity to relax and relieve stress.

Several team members have had the opportunity to try them out already and here’s what they have to say …

“The chairs are wonderful – they even massage my feet!” Naomi Honorjean, Observation Unit

“Very comfortable, unbelievably relaxing!” Eileen Ross, Case Management

Lorraine Brown and Robyn Stowell presented the Auxiliary Foundation with this thank you poster for the massage chairs they purchased for staff use.
October was a whirlwind of activity for Ye Olde Thrift Shoppe. On October 1st, we began moving clothing items from YOTS 1 to YOTS 2. On October 6th, the porch was completed, connecting YOTS 2 to the portable. On October 10th, the ramp was installed for receiving donations at the portable, and on October 16th, the portable was ready for MOVING DAY, October 17th. By October 19th, we had a "new" store containing all of our merchandise and Ye Olde Thrift Shoppe reopened on October 20th as one store for the first time in five years. October 26th was a bittersweet day as YOTS 1 was taken down, making way for our new store to open in 2021.

Nancy Cummings

(YOTS Grows continues on Page 9)
The new cashier area now has two checkouts. The relocated linens pricing area is ready to go. The men’s clothing area has been relocated to YOTS-2.

Ye Olde Thrift Shoppe is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and is located at 110 W. Lady Lake Blvd. just two blocks south of the CR 466 and US Highway 441 intersection and facing the Lady Lake Historical Park.

For more information call us at 352-259-5853. We appreciate all your donations and can also pick up large pieces of furniture just call 352-571-9785.

Here’s the front of Ye Olde Thrift Shoppe before construction begins.

Doesn’t all this excitement just make you want to rush right over and check it out? Well, just do it ...YOTS-2 is OPEN!
Thank You to the Staff

“I am writing to thank the staff at UF Health The Villages® Hospital for the outstanding care and attention received by my wife during her recent stay. From the emergency room to the pulmonary care unit, she received constant and outstanding service. We particularly wish to thank nurses Matthew and Stacy for their superb caring attitude and professionalism. Everyone involved – from nurses and techs to the cleaning crew and others – was dedicated to providing great and friendly care. Please pass our thanks to the staff involved and keep up the good work. We Villagers need you!”
HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

As the holiday season approaches and we celebrate, we are reminded that as an organization we have much to be thankful for .... ALL OF YOU!

In keeping with our tradition and as a token of our appreciation, we wish to present you with a holiday delicacy from the Honeybaked Ham Company. Gift options include ham, turkey breast, or your choice of two side dishes and a coffee cake.

Make your selection anytime beginning now but before November 6th

You will receive notice when your voucher is available. No gifts will be distributed without the original voucher. You can redeem your voucher for Thanksgiving or for the December holidays.

All gifts must be picked up at the store in either Lady Lake, Eustis or Ocala and will be available November 19, 2020 through January 31, 2021.

From our family to yours, we extend our best wishes for a joyous holiday season filled with peace, health and happiness.

Warm Regards,
UF Health The Villages Hospital Auxiliary Foundation

You can make your choice by:

- stopping by the Day Captains Office from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday
- calling the Day Captains Office at 352-751-8622 and leaving a message
- responding directly to this email at TVRHAuxiliaryOffice@centfhealth.org

We will need to know five pieces of information:

- Your name
- Your phone number
- Your choice of gift
- When you will pick it up (before or after Thanksgiving)
- Which Honeybaked Ham Store location

NOTE: This year eligibility for the gift is based on return of your Liability Waiver prior to August 1, 2020.
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